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For the Eſtabliſhment of Provincial Aſylums for Lunatics and Idiots in *Ireland.*

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS the Proviſions of an Act, paſſed by the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent MAJESTY, empowering Grand Juries of Counties to preſent the Sums neceſſary for Support of Idiots and inſane Perſons, have not been carried into Effect: Preamble.

And whereas it is eſſential to the Intereſts of Humanity, that due Attention ſhould be beſtowed on their Support and Cure, which can be there adequately extended to them in Eſtabliſhments ſolely appropriated to their Relief;

2 Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as empowers Grand Juries to preſent the Sums neceſſary for Support of a Ward for Idiots and inſane Perſons, be and the ſame is hereby repealed. Act 27 Geo. III. relating to the Proviſion for Idiots and inſane Perſons, repealed.

And be it further Enacted, That as ſoon as may be after the paſſing of this Act, the Houſe or Aſylum for the Support and Maintenance of Idiots and Lunatics ſhall be erected or provided in each of the Four Provinces of *Ireland*, of ſufficient Size and Dimenſions, and fitted with proper Accommodation to contain at leaſt For erecting Aſylums.

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leaſt Two hundred and Fifty Perſons, which ſhall be ſituated and placed in or near ſuch central County or Aſſize Town in each Province, as to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of *Ireland*, ſhall ſeem moſt fit and proper for the ſame, who ſhall alſo determine upon ſuch Plan of Building, and neceſſary Details for the Erection or Purchaſe thereof, as he ſhall deem meet to effect the Purpoſes of this Act:

For defraying the Expence of the ſame, and appointing an Inſpector.

Be it further Enacted, That the Expence of the Erection or Purchaſe of the Buildings and fitting up of the ſame, and alſo of the ſubſequent Maintenance of the ſame, and of the Support and Attendance on the unhappy Perſons confined therein, ſhall be defrayed by Preſentments of the Grand Juries of the ſeveral Counties of *Ireland*, with the Aid of charitable Donations and Subſcriptions as hereinafter ſet forth and provided; and that the Grand Jury of each County, ſhall at every Spring Aſſizes appoint One of their Body to exerciſe the Office of Inſpector of this Provincial Inſtitution during the Year, who ſhall be *ex officio* One of the Governors of the Charity, and act and vote as ſuch.

For appointing Truſtees.

And be it further Enacted, That for the Purpoſe of due Regulation of theſe Provincial Houſes, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant may and ſhall appoint Three Reſident Gentlemen of each County within the Province, to exerciſe the Office of Truſtees or Governors of ſuch Provincial Aſylum, who ſhall, together with the Grand Jury Inſpectors hereinbefore mentioned, and all ſuch Perſons who ſhall ſubſcribe the Sum of Twenty Guineas at any one Time, or the Sum of Three Guineas Annually, be formed into and conſtitute a Board of Truſtees or Governors for the Management and Direction of each and every of ſuch Provincial Inſtitutions reſpectively: Provided always, that no Perſon ſhall by any One Donation or Subſcription become a Governor of more than One Provincial Inſtitution: Be it further Enacted, That the Governors ſhall hold Meetings for the Regulation of theſe Houſes at leaſt Four Times in every Year; that is to ſay, on the firſt Monday in January, April, July, and October, and as much oftener as Occaſion may require, and that at the aforeſaid Quarterly Meetings only the Appointment of Officers may be determined upon; but that at any of the ſaid Meetings, whether Quarterly or otherwiſe, at leaſt Eight Days Notice being firſt given in the Newspaper of the next adjoining Town, all internal Rules and Regulations of ſuch Provincial Houſe ſhall be determined upon by a Plurality of Votes: Provided always, that the Salaries of Officers belonging to and attending on ſuch Provincial Aſylum, ſhall in no one Inſtance exceed Sixty Pounds Annual Salary, except the Phyſician attending upon the ſame, who may receive to the Annual Amount of One hundred Pounds, and that the entire Amount of Salaries ſo payable to the Officers and Attendants belonging to any One Provincial Houſe, ſhall not in the whole exceed the Amount of

Appointment of Meetings and of Officers.

Salaries of Officers not to exceed a certain Sum.

Pounds Annually: Be it and it is hereby further

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7 Enacted, for the due Apportionment of the ſeveral Sums which ſhould be paid by the ſeveral Counties and Counties of Cities in the reſpective Provinces, as their Quotas of Contribution to ſuch Provincial Aſylum, that a Report ſhall be made Yearly and every Year by the Treaſurer of each of theſe Houſes, under Direction of the Truſtees, to the Judges of His Majeſty's Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer in *Ireland*, on the Firſt Day of Hilary Term, ſetting forth the State of the Houſe as to the Number of Objects maintained therein, and alſo of thoſe who have been received and died, or been diſcharged during the Year, the Receipts and Expences of the paſt Year, the actual State of the Funds of ſuch Charity, and the probable future Expences of

Directing a Report to be made Yearly to the Judges.

8 the enſuing Year, who are empowered at ſuch Meeting as they may hold, before they proceed on their Spring Circuit of Aſſize, to determine upon the Sums of Money requiſite to be preſented by each County and County of a City within each Province, as its due Proportion of the Expence of Maintenance of ſuch Provincial Aſylum for the enſuing Year, having Regard herein to the Size and Abilities of each reſpective County, and the Amount of their reſpective Annual Preſentments, an exact Return whereof ſhall be Annually laid before them on ſuch Firſt Day of Hilary Term, by the Treaſurers of the reſpective Counties and Counties of Cities for this Purpoſe.

Judges to determine the Sums to be preſented.

9 And be it further Enacted, That Grand Juries of the reſpective Counties and Counties of Cities, be and they are hereby authorized and required to preſent the Sum and Sums of Money ſo determined upon by the Judges as hereinbefore mentioned, as their due and proper Quota of Contribution for the Support and Maintenance of ſuch Aſylums, to be raiſed and levied upon their reſpective Counties, and paid over to the Treaſurer of ſuch Provincial Houſe, and to place it as the ſecond Preſentment of their Schedule, at the Spring Aſſizes to be held Annually for ſuch County or County of a City, and ſhall preſent ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant ſhall in the firſt Inſtance conſider and declare to be their fair and due Proportion of the Expences of the Erection or Purchaſe and fitting up of the

Grand Juries to preſent the Sums ſo determined.

10 Buildings allotted for ſuch Provincial Houſes: Be it further Enacted, that an exact Report of each Provincial Aſylum, containing a full and particular Statement of the Receipts and Diſburſements, and the utmoſt of the ſeveral Preſentments, Donations, and Subſcriptions to the ſame, and alſo of the Numbers admitted and diſcharged, or deceaſed, within the Year, with the Periods of their Admiſſion, Deceaſe, or Diſcharge, and all other and further Particulars which can convey a full and ſatisfactory Account of ſuch Provincial Aſylum, be laid before each Houſe of Parliament Annually, within Fourteen Days after the Commencement of each Seſſions of Parliament, by the Truſtees or Governors thereof.

Directing a Report to be made Annually to both Houſes of Parliament.

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For apprehending and conveying to the Provincial Houſes Idiots and Lunatics, and defraying the Expence thereof.

And be it further Enacted, That all and every the Juſtices of the Peace and Magiſtrates within the ſeveral Counties and Counties of Cities in *Ireland*, is and are hereby authorized and required to cauſe to be apprehended within their reſpective Diſtricts, all poor wandering Idiots and Lunatics, and to be conveyed to the Houſe or Aſylum of the Province wherein ſuch Perſon has been apprehended; and that ſuch Magiſtrate is hereby authorized to call upon the Grand Jury of ſuch County or County of a City, to make Preſentment at the enſuing Aſſizes of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, for the reaſonable Charges of Conveyance of ſuch Idiot or Lunatic to ſuch Provincial Houſe, not exceeding the Sum of Sixpence *per* Mile, as the ſaid Magiſtrate ſhall have expended on ſuch Conveyance, and that the ſaid Grand Jury are hereby authorized and required to raiſe and levy ſuch Sum, and pay the ſame over to the Magiſtrate who ſhall ſo have expended the ſame for ſuch Conveyance. 11

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